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The President  
The White House  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Construction of the new headquarters building for the Central Intelligence Agency at Langley, Virginia, will have progressed by mid-October, 1959, so that the cornerstone can be laid in its permanent position.

I am most anxious that the cornerstone-laying ceremony should be held at a time when you, yourself, could lay the cornerstone. The approach roads will be completed to a point which will make access to the site relatively quick and easy by automobile and the trip there should not take more than fifteen minutes. The ceremony will be brief and will be fixed at a time most convenient for you. It would, however, be highly desirable to have it on a Saturday when the working force on the project will be at a minimum and when Agency employees who wish to attend could do so without interfering with their normal duties.

We have tentatively been considering any one of the Saturdays, the 15th, 24th, or 31st of October if convenient for you. If a date early in November is preferable that could, of course, be chosen. We have only suggested October because the chances of good weather are slightly more favorable than in November.

As soon as a definite date is fixed, I shall work out the details of the ceremony with whomever you may designate in order to fit in as conveniently as possible with your other engagements.

Since this Agency has grown of age during the years of your Presidency and you have taken such a deep and constructive interest in it, I am most anxious that you should be the one to lay the cornerstone which, of course, will bear your name.

Respectfully,

SIGNED

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